

"The Constitution: A Heavenly Banner"?

Joseph Smith went on record as saying:

"The Constitution of the United States is a glorious standard; it is founded in the wisdom of God. It is a heavenly banner...."

He also brought forth purported revelations in the D&C that state:

Section 98:5

And that law of the land which is constitutional, supporting that principle of freedom in maintaining rights and privileges, belongs to all mankind, and is justifiable before me.

Section 98:6

Therefore, I, the Lord, justify you, and your brethren of my church, in befriending that law which is the constitutional law of the land;

Section 101:77

According to the laws and constitution of the people, which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles;

Section 101:80

And for this purpose have I established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood.

Section 109:54

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all the nations of the earth; have mercy upon the rulers of our land; may those principles, which were so honorably and nobly defended, namely, the Constitution of our land, by our fathers, be established forever.

I believe Joseph Smith got it wrong, and has caused honorable people much problems through spiritual blindness... What if it really isn't God's intent for us to consider the Constitution as scripture (as ETB exclaimed)? I reiterate as I have done in other posts that JS had one gift, and one gift only: to translate the Book of Mormon (Book of Commandments 4:2). And even in that endeavor he messed up so many things.

Knowing that LDSFF had its origins based around the subject matter at hand; and knowing that there are books, etc., that are proffered as being reliable, I feel a lot of concern. Seeing some responses and information contributed previously, I felt a desire to make this post.

All through scriptural history (excluding questionable sources like the PoGP, JST, and apocryphal works) humans have struggled to find peace and harmony for any extended periods of time using government as the source of stability. The only time that sort of thing was achieved was recorded in the Book of Mormon in 4 Nephi. And even that account makes NO MENTION of government of any kind. It was based on love for the Savior and fellow men.

ALL ATTEMPTS at man achieving bliss through mutual agreements and laws have failed eventually.

In our day we are oppressed and afflicted by our government leaders, overlords, rulers, and their secret organizations used to enforce compliance with laws, executive orders, misinformation campaigns, etc.

At this point I want to give a few links from the Mises institute regarding the Constitution:

<https://mises.org/library/constitution-revisited>

<https://mises.org/library/background-constitution>

PLEASE LISTEN TO THESE LINKS! They are about 25 minutes each. The case is made very clearly that the Federalists (Alexander Hamilton, etc.) were very much seeking for power and authority. I also want to state (as the presenter also will) the Declaration of Independence and also to some extent the Articles of Confederation were endorsed by mostly another group of men other than the proponents of the Constitution. Those of you that are familiar with Ron Paul know that he holds the Mises Institute in the HIGHEST regard (<https://mises.org>).

Also see: <https://listverse.com/2017/08/30/10-int ... f-america/>

There are so many scriptures in the Bible and Book of Mormon that makes clear that we are to keep the commandments of our Heavenly King and look for entrance into His kingdom by worship of Him and love for our fellow men. A few of my favorites are:

Isaiah 8:13

Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

2 Peter 3:13

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Mosiah 23:7

But he said unto them: Behold, it is not expedient that we should have a king; for thus saith the Lord: Ye shall not esteem one flesh above another, or one man shall not think himself above another; therefore I say unto you it is not expedient that ye should have a king.

I don't desire to be an anarchist, but I also don't worship the laws of men.